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Reset for Success: Nutrition & Wellness 101 Mon., Jan. 8th

The Bracken Co. Extension Service will sponsor “Reset for Success Nutrition & Wellness 101” beginning Mon., Jan. 8th. Stacy Michael & Kacy Massie, Registered Dieticians with Primary Plus will be on hand to guide those who struggle with weight. This nutrition program is a practical diet free approach to weight management. They will be addressing emotional eating and why we eat the way we do.

The program kicks off on Mon., Jan. 8th at 5:30 p.m. and wraps up on Mon., Feb. 12th at 5:30 p.m. During the weeks in between (Jan. 15th, Jan. 22nd, Jan. 29th, & Feb. 5th) participants will be able to view and communicate in a private facebook live group. Participants can view the sessions live or watch it later at their convenience. Participants will each receive a copy of the book Intuitive Eating. The cost for the series is \$10 and you must register by Fri., Jan. 5th. Call the Bracken County Extension Office at 735-2141 with questions or to register.

Early Detection Can Save Lives

The St. Elizabeth Mobile Mammography Unit will be at the Bracken County Extension Office on Wed., Jan. 10th from 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. To schedule an appointment call 859-655-7400.

Moore seeks re-election as County Atty.



I, Beth Moore, am asking for your support as I seek re-election to the office of Bracken County Attorney. I have worked hard over the past three years to keep my campaign promises of serving the citizens of Bracken County by enforcing the laws of the Commonwealth and the ordinances of the County, by assisting victims of crime and abuse and by representing the County in Fiscal Court in a fair and efficient manner. I would greatly appreciate your support and your vote in the May primary election so I may continue to proudly serve as your County Attorney.

Paid for by Beth

Paintings of Early Schools and Boarding Houses in Augusta



Pictured are L to R: Carol Williams, Rita Thomas-Edie, Caroline Miller, Bill Baker, Mary Ann Kearns, Millie Bush, and Judith Richards.
Photo submitted

Bill Baker, a charter member of Augusta College Echo Hall Association, recently donated ten oil paintings to the board of directors of ACEHA. Echo Hall is going through a total renovation for a few years, and the Augusta Public School Board will become the temporary trustee of the paintings.

Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program begins Tues., Jan. 9th at Health Dept.

The Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program will begin on January 9, 2018, at the Bracken County Health Department. The class will begin at 10:00 am. A class schedule will be given out at the first class and the class will meet twice each week. There is no charge for the program.

Call the Bracken County Health Department to register for the class at, 606-735-2157.

The word arthritis literally means joint inflammation. It refers to more than 100 different diseases or conditions that affect the joints and the tissues around the joints, such as muscles

and tendons. Some forms of arthritis, such as rheumatoid arthritis or lupus, also can affect other parts of the body, including the skin and internal organs.

There are 46 million Americans who have arthritis or a related condition. People with arthritis face many challenges as a result of the disease,

but the good news is that there are many ways to meet those challenges and lead a fulfilling life.

The Arthritis Foundation's eight week exercise programs can have a huge and positive impact on people with arthritis. The exercise programs are designed with gentle movements that help

increase joint flexibility, range of motion, and muscle strength. Benefits from these programs include increased functional ability and self-care as well as decreased pain and depression. Participants who complete eight weeks of classes are better able to do the things they want with less pain.

Polar Bears head south for NUC All American game & camp



Pictured left to right are Colton Jones, Ethan Bishop, Amy Cracraft, Tyler Rice, Mathew Bishop and Robert Cracraft.
Photo submitted

While many kids were here in Bracken County with family and the cold, six Polar Bears, Colton Jones, Ethan Bishop, Amy Cracraft, Tyler Rice, Mathew Bishop and Robert Cracraft, headed south to Daytona Beach to compete in the NUC All American game and camp activities. The kids arrived and checked in on the 27th of December where they were put on their respective teams. All of the Polar Bears fell on the North teams with the exception of Tyler Rice who played for the Junior south team. The teams started practicing and trying out for positions on the 27th then practiced the 28th and 29th in preparation for the games on the 30th. The first game was the Middle School/Freshman contest where Mathew Bishop and Amy Cracraft were selected as starters on the offensive lines, and Ethan Bishop and Robert Cracraft were reserves. Mathew Bishop also played several snaps at linebacker for the North in a contest that saw them come up a little short to the south team. Next was the Sophmore/Junior scrimmage where Tyler Rice was the Starting Tight End for the South. Tyler was on the winning side of this contest as the South won 20 to 10, following the

Cindy Berry files for Circuit Clerk



I, Cindy Bravard Berry, am pleased to announce my candidacy for the office of Bracken County Circuit Court Clerk.

I had to pass a test before I could run for this office. I have a B.A. degree with a major in Accounting and a minor in Finance. I have worked with the public of Bracken County for 26 years. I was hired about 19 years ago to work in the computer lab by the Bracken County Board of Education.

I am hometown born and raised. I look forward to meeting and talking to the voters.

*Paid for by
Cindy Bravard Berry*



Thoughts and Meditations from the Scriptures

RESOLVE TO BE KINDER THIS YEAR

Every new year inevitably brings with it the desire to improve our lives. Health and fitness centers and diet plans take advantage of this by offering deals this time of year, and one can only wonder how many people make it to February with their diet or exercise plan intact. While it is always good to turn over a new leaf and to improve our lives, I'd like to suggest that a better New Year's resolution would be to resolve to treat people with more love and kindness. This is not an easy thing to do. Family, friends and co-workers can all be difficult, and it can be especially hard to be kind to those who aren't treating us well, but treating others kindly is often the only thing that will turn an angry person around, and even if it doesn't soften the other's wrath, you will have maintained your own composure by treating them kindly and won't have anything to regret later. Resolve to be kinder and more civil this year. What the world needs is surely more love and kindness and this resolution, besides improving your own life, has a good chance to spread kindness and love to those who really need it. — *Christopher Simon*

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." —Ephesians 4:32 NIV



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Looking Back Tabitha's Tidbits Compiled by The Bracken County Historical Society

Children's Bible In a Nutshell

A child was asked to write a book report on the entire Bible. Here is what was written.

In the beginning, which occurred near the start, there was nothing but God, darkness, and some gas. The Bible says, 'The Lord thy God is One,' But I think He must be older than that. Anyway, God said, 'Give me a light!' and someone did.

Then God made the world.

He split Adam and made Eve. Adam and Eve were naked, but they weren't embarrassed because mirrors hadn't been invented yet. Adam and Eve disobeyed God by eating one bad apple, so they were driven from the Garden of Eden...Not sure what they were driven in though, because they didn't have cars.

Adam and Eve had a son, Cain, who hated his brother as long as he was Abel.

Pretty soon all of the early people died off, ex-

cept Methuselah, Who lived to be like a million or something.

One of the next important people was Noah, who was a good guy, but one Of his kids was kind of Ham. Noah built a large boat and put his Family and some animals on it. He asked some other people to join him. But they said they would have to take a rain check.

After Noah came Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Jacob was more famous than His brother, Esau, because Esau sold Jacob his birthmark in exchange for some pot roast. Jacob had a son named Joseph who wore a really Loud sports coat.

Another important Bible guy is Moses, whose real name was Charlton Heston. Moses led the Israel Lights out of Egypt and away from the evil Pharaoh after God sent ten plagues on Pharaoh's people. These plagues included frogs, mice, lice, bowels, and no cable.

To Be Continued

Deaths

MR. MLLIKIN

Dewey Bronson Mullikin, 89, of Felicity, OH and formerly of the Sardis area passed away on Tuesday, December 26, 2017 at Locust Ridge Nursing Home in Williamsburg, OH.

Services were held Thursday, December 28, 2017, at Palmer Funeral Home & Crematory in May's Lick. Burial will be in the Shannon Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Full obituary may be viewed and online condolences made at www.palmerfuneralhome.net.

MRS. CLARY

Helen A. Clary, 77, of the Shannon – Slip Up community passed away on Thursday, December 28, 2017 at Meadowview Regional Medical Center.

Services were held Monday, January 1, 2018, at the Shannon United Methodist Church. Interment followed in the Shannon Cemetery.

The Palmer Funeral Home & Crematory of May's Lick served the family. Full obituary may be viewed and online condolences made at www.palmerfuneralhome.net.

CAPT. ERNEST R. O'ROURKE June 19, 1933 - December 19, 2017

CAPT Ernest R. O'Rourke, USN (Retired) passed away December 19, 2017, at home surrounded by his family.

CAPT O'Rourke was born June 19, 1933, to Eugene (Irish) O'Rourke and Hazel Macelfresh O'Rourke. He was preceded in death by his mother, father, sister, grandma, aunt and stepmom.

CAPT graduated from Aberdeen High School in Aberdeen, Ohio, where he was a star basketball player. After graduating he joined the Navy, his Navy career spanned 42 years and 16 days, he always said the 16 days was the hardest, I never quite knew what the meant. He went through the enlisted pay grades to Warrant Officer to LDO, where he ended his career at the rank of Captain. His love for the Navy was compared to none. Even with Dementia and Alzheimer's he still thought he was in the Navy until the day he died (no greater love). Many of his Navy comrades emailed comments on how wonderful he was to work for and how he was the best at what he did.

CAPT O'Rourke was a lifetime member of the Fleet Reserve, Elks, VFW 392 and the American Legion. He was also inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame in 2008 in Aberdeen, Ohio, basketball was his second love. CAPT O'Rourke leaves behind his loving wife of 61 years, Sarah McCane O'Rourke, she was his care giver



throughout his illness. He also leaves behind his daughter, Desiree and her husband, Jay Payne, his son-in-law (who he loved very much) and daughter, Debbie Butler (Bob) who helped take care of CAPT in his final weeks; his grandchildren, Curt Payne (Sally), Alex Payne, and Jayme Rivera (Tony) who he loved to tease; his great-grandchildren, Jaden, Maya, and Beckett Payne; he also leaves many nieces and nephews.

I want to thank his special Navy buddies, Fred, Dave, and JJ. They were very faithful about coming to visit. It meant so much to him. Life with the Navy and all the family will never be the same without that wonderful man. You took part of me with you.

The family received friends at Holmon-Brown Funeral Home, Princess Anne Chapel on Saturday, Dec. 23, 2017, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. The funeral service was held at 12 p.m. Saturday in the funeral home chapel. Interment with military honors followed in Colonial Grove Memorial Park. Memorial donations can be made to Heartland Hospice or SPCA. Condolences may be offered to the family at www.holmon-brown.com.

Casseroles Galore at Ext. Office, Mon., Jan. 22nd

The Bracken County Extension Service will offer a Casseroles Galore Class on Monday, January 22nd at 6 p.m.. A casserole is comfort food at its best! Not only are they easy to transport and prepare, but they are crowd pleasers. During this class we will sample and share some old classics and introduce some new favorites.

The cost is \$5 per person and you must register by Thurs., Jan. 18th. Call the Bracken Co. Extension Office at 735-2141 with questions or to register.



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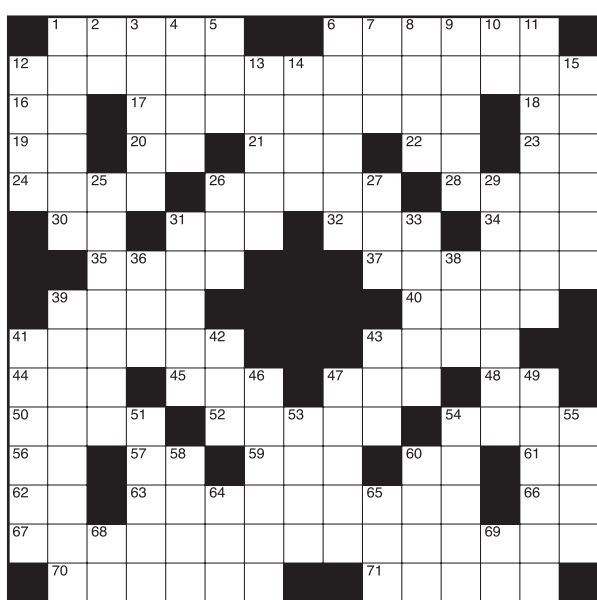
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January 4th Crossword Puzzle

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1. Put within
6. Learned person
12. Resistance
16. Female title
17. Logical basis for a belief
18. Of I
19. Indicates position
20. Article
21. Insignificant organizational member
22. ___ route
23. Expression of disapproval
24. Microelectromechanical systems
26. Ponds
28. Satisfy
30. Dad
31. Spanish soldier "El ___"
32. Pouch-like structure
34. Obscure unit of measurement
35. Okinawa prefecture capital
37. Platforms
39. Jazz singer Irene
40. Benefits
41. Hellenistic governors
43. Brownish-green fruit
44. Needed to see
45. Political action committee
47. Fast plane
48. Bahrain dinar
50. Urgent request
52. Raccoon genus
54. Millisecond
56. Atlanta rapper
57. Rural delivery
59. Intrauterine device
60. The Wolverine State
61. Free agent
62. For instance
63. Reduces
66. Lincoln's state



67. Quit
70. Midsections
71. Bullfighting maneuvers

39. Dawn
41. Musical group of seven
42. Used to fry things
43. Carrot's companion
46. Rough stone landmarks
47. Fourth son of Jacob and Leah
49. Goes against
51. Passion
53. Hard white animal fat
54. Soybean pastes
55. Beckon
58. Mountain and morning are two
60. Self-referential
64. Data executive
65. Retirement plan
68. Star Trek

Answers to 12-28-17 puzzle.




CLUES DOWN

1. The arch of the foot
2. Canadian peninsula
3. Koran chapters
4. Abba __, Israeli politician
5. Youngster
6. Burns
7. Comedienne Gasteyer
8. Valley
9. Belongs to sun god
10. Nickel
11. Great in salads
12. Leader
13. Forced through a sieve
14. Entryway
15. Support pillars
25. Aquatic mammal
26. ___ Farrow, actress
27. Unhappy
29. Holds molecules
31. Thrifty
33. French dynasty
36. Scottish port
38. Irish militant organization

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Happy New Year! May we all strive to walk with Jesus every day.

Appreciation to Darrin Young, our choir director, for our Christmas Cantata “O Little Town of Bethlehem”. We had our program last week and we appreciated all those that were present and all those that participated.

On this New Year’s Eve of December 31, 2017...we are thankful to be in the House of the Lord.

We welcome Kamryn Gordley, daughter of Chad & Cathy Gordley, into our church. She got the “Greatest Gift” she will ever receive when she let Jesus come into her heart. She was baptized last week. Madison Goecke also accepted Jesus as her personal Lord and Savior. She will be baptized this coming Sunday.

Congratulations to Jordon McKinney on getting his drivers license. Look out everyone!

Remember in prayer: Jay Colemire, Mary Jo Markley, Bobbi Hargett, Ron & Peggy Foley, Tammy Roberts, Lisa McElfresh, Crickett & Carol Polley. Bonnie Reckers (double pneumonia), Clarine Highfield (fell), Kathy Fryman, Carl Conley, Liz White. Always remember each other and all those on the prayer list.

Mon., Jan. 8 at 6 p.m. - board meeting.

Mon., Jan. 15 - Men’s Fellowship 6:30 p.m. at Milford Christian Church.

Remember the Food Bank & the Backpack Program.

What can our resolutions be for 2018? To be closer To God and shine for Him!

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Church News

AUGUSTA TRINITY by Brooke Barley

With the closing of 2017, Pastor Johnny delivered a powerful sermon on “Are You Broken & Wanting Restored” referencing John 16:25-33. God never wastes a pain. God will use our heartache to be a light for the broken & lost. Our light becomes the guide back to being restored by Him. God will use our pain to become our purpose.

We were truly blessed to have Bryce Holloway (& family) share such a heartfelt testimony of God’s answered prayers. God is always faithful, always powerful, always on time! His love will NEVER fail!

Events: Thursday is Youth Night with dinner served at 6 p.m.

Save the Date 01/20 at 6 p.m. Benefit Concert with “The Gabbard Family” & “River Valley Sound” scheduled to perform.

Sunday (01/07) our 10:30 a.m. service time has changed to 10:45 a.m. (to 11:45 a.m.) to include Sunday School at 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (breakfast will still be served from 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.). We will also have communion during service. Have a Blessed 2018.

Augusta
Christian
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News



by Wanda & Marlene Bruce Heller, Minister

Last Sunday we met on a cold December morning at 10 a.m. to worship our Lord. Alot of people forgot the time and came at 11 a.m. as we were leaving.

There was no Sunday School. Jerry Zeigler gave the opening prayer. Owen Shackelford gave the closing prayer. Jerry Zeigler sang “Oh Holy Night”. Beautiful!

Bradley Neal joined our church family.

This was Jesus’ birthday along with Julie Shackelford’s.

The message was “The Wonder Of Christmas And The Wondering Wiseman”. Matt. 2:1-12.

Bruce did us proud today. What an actor. He portrayed one of the wisemen.

Pray for the sick, the hurting, and all those in the service.

Men’s Fellowship at Milford Christian Jan. 15

Milford Christian Church is hosting the Area Men’s Fellowship on Mon., Jan. 15th. We invite Christian men to join us for our meal and service starting at 6:30 p.m. We will have spaghetti, salad, garlic bread and desserts for the meal. Brother Bob Cannon will bring the evening message after a time of worship.

If you want more information please call the office (606) 735-3581. Come see our new building, have a great meal and hear a wonderful message.

OAKLAND CHRISTIAN by Barbara Browning

“Tis the season” is over. Now we look to the New Year. We pray you can look back on 2017, but can look happily to 2018. A good prayer for 2018 is peace and unity.

Both our Christmas service and the New Year’s Eve service were blessings, as we did have several visitors with us. We appreciate Clay Knight, our youth minister, for filling the pulpit on New Year’s Eve, as Bro. Jim and Kathy were on a well-deserved vacation to Florida.

Our “Feeding Our Neighbors” ministry supplied 9,338 pounds of food to the Food Pantry in 2017. What a blessing!

A Congregational meeting is Jan. 14, 6:30 p.m.

Prayer concerns include Jeanine Cox (wrist), Carol Miley, Tom Goshorn, Brian Wiggins, Jerry England, Stanley Deaton, Ron Foley, Paula Thornsberry, Linda Johnson, Connie Peed, David Estep, Cathleen Tierney, Tim Jarvis, Melissa Beckett, Tom Cortner, Jim Haley, Gaylord Blevins, cancer issues, shut-ins, our military and our nation. Our sympathy to loved ones of Robert Reubel and Margie McNees.

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BROOKSVILLE CHRISTIAN by John Elfers

This past Sunday was the 5th of the month, so...full breakfast. Eggs, bacon, sausage, all the fixins, and when it’s 10 deg., a warm breakfast makes for some very good fellowship!

Shane got the honors of delivering the last message of the year. Asking if change is possible? Or are you comfortable with change? If your life is not producing good fruit (results), it could be a good time for a fresh start. Love Christ, renew your mind & soul. Whatever you do, do it in love. Maybe in 2018, just be good and share God’s grace!

Quick reminder... BCC will remain open between Christmas and Easter. All regular activities resume this week - Men’s and Women’s Bible Study, Pray Meeting, Prime Time. Don’t forget Saturday morning 7 a.m. at Brooksville Baptist is Men’s Prayer Breakfast. Come nourish your body & soul!

PRESBYTERIAN POTPOURRI by Susie Hargett

What a frigid morning to wake up to say goodbye to 2017! We were few in number this morning. I believe the count would have been around 30. But not short on thanksgiving or praise. Reflecting on the goodness and faithfulness of His Presence to us during these 365 days. May we all resolve to continue to spend time reading God’s word as we head into this New Year!

Joyce Gibson was our liturgist. Earl Bush led the time of joys and concerns. Genna Lou Murray was at the piano. Paul Mefford played the bass guitar. I led the singing. Our message was brought by Sue Ann Murray, who was here visiting with her family through the Christmas season, from Pennsylvania. Les and Kay were away taking their last vacation day for the year.

In the days to come this week, the Food Bank will be open on Tuesday. The Soup Supper will resume this next week, on Mon., Jan. 8th. We will start the New Year serving breakfast.

Everyone stay safe and warm! Check on those around you while the temps are hovering around zero!

GREETINGS FROM ST. JAMES by Caroline Jefferson

This week we have celebrated the Epiphany of Our Lord and the Baptism of Our Lord and now we have moved from the Liturgical Season of Christmas to the Liturgical Season of Ordinary Time. The Epiphany celebrates the incarnation of God becoming man in the birth of Jesus Christ and the arrival of the Three Wise Men to the stable in Bethlehem where they presented their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the God-infant.

As we begin 2018, let us familiarize ourselves with the Church’s liturgical seasons so that each one with its different colors and themes gives us a deeper love for the Christ whose birth we just celebrated! Happy New Year and may many blessings be yours!

With Our Thanks

Thank you to our family, friends, and neighbors for all you did for us before and after Marty’s passing. We appreciate everyone who was able to attend the service. It was overwhelming to see the number of lives he touched. Your stories of Marty were a comfort to us during this difficult time. Thank you for the beautiful flowers, cards, and expressions of sympathy. We especially appreciate the Women of the Augusta Presbyterian Church for arranging and providing the delicious meal after the service.

Sincere appreciation to all who made donations to the Bracken County Cross Country and Track Program for the purchase of new track equipment in Marty’s name. He was very proud of the program, the athletes, and coach. It would have made him very happy to know the program will benefit from the generosity of our family, friends, and past and present co-workers.

Specials thanks to Father Ross Kelsch and Robin Kelsch for your touching words during the service.

Finally, thank you to Moore and Parker Funeral Home for your kindness and friendship as we went through this difficult loss.

The family of Marty Hamilton:
April Hamilton
Missy, Travis, and Kaleb Darnell
Aaron, Erin, and Adeline Hamilton

Kentucky Flu Activity Level is Widespread Consecutive Week

Department for Public Health (DPH) officials, within the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS), now report “widespread” flu for the first time this flu season. Widespread activity is the highest level of flu activity, which indicates increased flu-like activity or flu outbreaks in at least half of the regions in the state.

The traditional flu season lasts from October through May. Increased flu activity began earlier this season than usual in Kentucky. Due to the early increased activity this year, both in Kentucky and nationally, increased flu activity is anticipated to continue for several months.

Flu can be very contagious. Infection with the flu virus can cause fever, headache, cough, sore throat, runny nose, sneezing and body aches. Persons who develop flu symptoms should seek medical advice about the need for a medical evaluation or treatment with an antiviral drug, which could shorten the course of the illness or reduce its severity.

- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- While sick, limit contact with others as much as possible to keep from infecting them.
- If you are sick with flu-like illness, CDC recommends that you stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone except to get medical care or for other necessities. (Your fever

should be gone for 24 hours without the use of a fever-reducing medicine).

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that may be contaminated with germs like the flu.

Young children and those who are elderly or have chronic disease are especially vulnerable to the flu’s more severe consequences. It takes about 2 weeks following the administration of the vaccine for the recipient to develop protection from the flu. There are ample supplies available throughout the state. Vaccinations are available at Kentucky’s local health departments, pharmacies, and medical providers. Many health plans cover the cost of the vaccine with no copay. Kentuckians are advised to call before arriving for a vaccination.

DPH officials report weekly to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) national flu surveillance system. The weekly report is now available online at <http://chfs.ky.gov/dph/epi/Influenza.htm> and is updated each Friday before noon.

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Senior Citizens Happenings

All those that come to Senior Citizens pray that you have a Happy New Year and we welcome you to join us this year. All seniors are welcome.

Happenings for Tues., Dec. 19 - we were glad to have Shannon Smith and Mary Lou Simons with us for our Nutritional Program. They brought delicious eggnog cookies and Christmas tree ornaments for all. We just love these two and are always glad to have them with us.

Our Senior Building was so beautifully decorated. We had 2 Christmas trees! Sheila's husband made us beautiful ornaments made out of wood and was hand painted. We all got to pick one from the tree. We really appreciated these.

We have great seniors that know how to cook! We had a potluck lunch and Sheila baked a country ham. We all said The Lord's Prayer prior to our party. After we ate, names were drawn out and we all got to pick a gift. We appreciate all of Sheila's hard work and dedication and all those that assisted you to make the party so much fun! We sure did miss those that were sick and couldn't be with us today.

Happenings on Thurs., Dec. 21 - prayers for all the sick and those going through some rough times.

After lunch there was bingo and card playing.

We also had our Senior Activity Fund

Raiser meeting about our bake sale for Dec. 23. We are so appreciative of all those that prepared goodies for the bake sale and to First National Bank in Brooksville for letting us have it there. Our bake sale was a huge success and it wouldn't have been without you!

Happenings for Thurs., Dec. 28 - Sheila gave us some tips on trying to keep us healthy: wash those hands with soap & warm water to keep from spreading germs; always check on your neighbors and provide assistance when you can; take care of yourself also.

Those that weren't with us today...Hazel Welch (fell & hurt her leg), Ann Cummins White (injury to her leg & had to have stitches), Bob Eisi had to see his heart doctor, Jane Wolfe, Flossie Hay (may have to have dialysis), Sheila's mother, Patty Bess has 2 more treatments of chemotherapy.

David Jefferson led us in our prayer prior to our meal.

Our Bingo winners were: Tracey Wenz, Brenda Roth, Betty Hargett, Barbara Woodruff, Shirley Young, Margaret Dalip. Cover all: Barbara Woodruff and Tommy Wenz.

Our Senior Activity Committee met. We are planning another food meal for later in January. We also talked about other fund raisers and on some activities for the seniors to do in a few months.

Happy New Year to all from your senior friends.

The Golden Girl

Bonars Celebrate 50th Anniversary



On Sat., November 18, 2017, George and Rosemary (Bonfield) Bonar celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Their children, Lesa, Sherri, Gretchen

and George held a party with dinner and dancing at Receptions in Erlanger. Many family members and friends attended and a good time was had by all.

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Announcements

Bracken Co. Quilt Club will meet Mon., Jan. 8 at 9:30 a.m. at the Extension Office. Stone soup for lunch. Bring fat quarters & 1 yard black & white fabric.

Bracken County Republican County Committee meeting is Thurs., Jan. 11 at 7 p.m. in the conference room of the Parkview Inn in Augusta. All registered Republicans are invited. Join in on the excitement as we plan for the new year with local and state elections. Come eat at 6 p.m. and stay for the meeting that begins at 7 p.m. For further info. call 756-2693.

Make your reservations for the Annual Buffalo Trace Lincoln/Reagan Dinner on Sat., Jan. 20 at the Maysville Country Club. Social Hour begins 5 p.m. Meal & meeting 6 p.m. Cost is \$35 if paid by Jan. 13 and \$40 at the door. For more info. call 756-2693.

Bracken Co. Extension Service District Board will meet Tues., Jan. 23 at 6 p.m.

Beginners Yoga Class to Begin at the Bracken Co. Health Dept.

On Wednesday, January 10, 2018, the Bracken County Health Department will offer a Yoga class. The program will be led by Barb Morgan. The class will meet on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. The program is free and will include chair and floor exercises.

Call the Bracken County Health Department at 606-735-2157 to register for the program.

Trash Talk
 by: Mr. Recycle Bin & Ms. Pick-Up Litterbug

Howdy Folks! Can you believe it is 2018 already!! We're sure that some younger folks are thinking that time can't move fast enough for them, but the older one gets, the more one appreciates that elusive, quickly fleeting element known as 'time'! As with years past, most folks will make a New Year's Resolution which flees almost as quickly as time itself, but we read ten tips on how to improve the lifespan of a resolution! We won't go into all ten of them but the list advised that we should be specific with our resolution rather than adopting a one-size fits all approach! Instead of saying "I'm not going to overeat", zero in on one specific food item that you know is not good for you. Be simple with your approach and say that instead of drinking three cans of pop a day, you are going to drink only two. By focusing on eliminating that one can of pop, you are being reasonable with your expectations and will be more likely to succeed! Bad habits don't just occur, but are acquired over a period of time so eliminating them basically 'un-bakes the cake' by slowly overcoming that bad habit with a good one! Don't get discouraged, but encourage yourself by writing down your progress and by this time next year, you'll be ready to move on to a new resolution challenge! We are all in this together and

can support each other when needed!

Recycling is one very good habit that we encourage everyone to obtain, but not just recycle, but adopt and develop the whole concept of recycling as a way of life! We have just completed the Christmas Season which is our favorite time of year because goodwill and generosity abound creating peace and joy, but in the world of recycling it is a nightmare! The Mason County Recycling Center was open only Wednesday and Thursday, December 27 and 28 and we delivered six trailers in those two days. These trailers were bursting at the seams but contained boxes upon boxes of air! Very few boxes were flattened resulting in full trailers with absolutely nothing but air-filled boxes! Trailers that normally weight 700 - 900 pounds weighed a mere 340 pounds, but because they were 'full', the trailers had to be taken to the Center! If we could wave a magic wand, it would empty boxes of their Styrofoam packing and flatten them but we have to rely on the dedication of our recyclers who, in many instances, are used to having that magic wand waved for them! To those of you, who consistently break down your boxes, please accept our sincerest and heartfelt appreciation! It may take an extra minute and extra effort to flatten the boxes but you do it and we say "Thank YOU"!

As we move into 2018, we pray that the New Year brings each of you success, prosperity and all things good! To those of you who have lost a loved one in the past year, we pray that you will find comfort in the family and friends that continue to surround you; if you are battling an illness, we pray that you will be blessed with good doctors to give you hope for a better tomorrow; and in every aspect of every life, we pray that God will guide your each and every step as we all journey toward Him and His heavenly home! Please consider a lifestyle in 2018 of RECYCLING, REUSING and REDUCING to keep God's earth clean, green and beautiful! Be seen you and HAPPY NEW YEAR - Bin & Bug.

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Ad executive Riley Power's fiancé, Levi Madison, and his Native American horse trainer, Calvin Coldwater, prepare for triple-crown racing. A stunning red-headed flame returns to Sweetwater targeting Riley's man while Riley's preoccupied with

her dad's health instead of focusing on wedding plans. Police search for a drug ring when her home is broken into and a neighbor murdered. Riley and pals Lemon Sage Benton and FBI Special Agent Reggie Casse follow another line of investigation. Danger follows them home.

Lynda's books including her award winning historical novel *Gold Lust Conspiracy* are found either in eBook or print on Amazon, Barnes & Noble NOOK, KOBO or Apple iTunes. Subscribe to her newsletter for an opportunity for exclusive information, publishing schedule and a chance to win free reads. Lynda can be reached Amazon at <http://amazon.com/author/lyndarees> Or her website <https://lyndareesauthor.com/> or via email at lyndareesauthor@gmail.com.

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Maysville	434 Buckner St, Maysville. 2 BR 1 BA All one level, large rooms, partial bsmt, corner lot.	\$49,900
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Germantown	7 acres on Michelle Drive in Germantown, next to the 6.5 acres. Lays the same way level to gently rolling. Make an offer for both!	\$28,000
Foster	301 Apple Ridge, Foster, 8 acres with breath taking views. Be the last home on the dead end road here! Mostly wooded.	\$44,900
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County Taxpayers' Notice

The 2017 County tax bills are now delinquent. If you did not receive your bill please contact the County Sheriff's Office. When mailing in your payment, please include your copy of the tax bill or put the bill number on your check. If you wish a paid receipt returned to you, please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

The following are the collection dates:

5% Penalty January 7, thru January 31, 2018
21% Penalty February 1, thru April 15, 2018

IMPORTANT NOTE: All delinquent tax bills will be transferred to the County Clerk's Office as of the close of business on April 15, 2018. In addition to the penalties and fees that are applied by the Sheriff's Office all payments made in the County Clerk's Office are subject to a 20% County Attorney's fee, a 10% County Clerk's fee and interest at 1% per month. The delinquency is also subject to being sold to a Third Party and subject to substantial additional penalties and fees in the summer of 2018, if not paid to the Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff's Office Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs. & Fri. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Wed. & Sat. 8 a.m. to Noon. Closed Sundays and all Federal holidays. Office will be closed Mon., Jan. 15 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

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LISTING PERIOD

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS OF BRACKEN COUNTY

January 1 through February 28 is the period for listing your real estate for assessment of State, County, City, Special Districts and School taxes for the year 2018. The assessment date for real property is January 1 as required by KRS 132.220.

The Property Valuation Administrator (PVA) DOES NOT HAVE ANY AUTHORITY IN SETTING PROPERTY TAX RATES. With the exception of the state rate all property tax rates are set by local citizens that are on the governing bodies of local taxing jurisdictions.

REAL ESTATE: Farms, homes, houses and lots, mobile homes, vacant land, and Commercial buildings. Anyone who has built a new structure or made an addition, deletion, or improvement to an existing structure on their property during the preceding year should list that. The new structures should be listed at their fair cash value as of January 1, 2018, if the structures are not completed, please list the amount completed as of January 1, 2018 at its fair cash value.

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION: Persons who will be eligible for the Homestead Exemption for 2018 should make application before April 1st if possible. Persons eligible for this exemption must be at least 65 years of age during the 2018 tax year, or be totally disabled and present evidence that they are receiving total disability compensation from any type of public or private retirement system. All applicants must own and occupy their dwelling as of January 1 of the current year. Please bring proof of age (Driver's license, Birth certificate, Medicare card, etc.). **DON'T WAIT UNTIL YOUR BIRTHDAY**, if you will be 65 anytime during 2018 come in now for this benefit. Any changes of status for persons already receiving exemption should be reported before April 1st.

ALL MOTOR VEHICLES AND BOATS are assessed by the Revenue Cabinet, Frankfort, Ky., from motor vehicle registrations. 2018 motor vehicle and boat taxes will be paid to the County Clerk when the vehicle is re-licensed for 2018. The assessment shall be due if not protested in writing, along with supporting documentation to the Revenue Cabinet within forty-five (45) days from the date of notice.

TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY: Merchants inventories, shop tools, construction equipment, business equipment, documented boats and airplanes. The assessment date of personal property is January 1 of the current year and the tax return filing deadline is May 15th of the current year.

THE MISSION OF THE PVA OFFICE is to provide accurate assessments and efficient services to the property owners or anyone utilizing the PVA office records and administer the statutes of the Commonwealth of Kentucky in a fair and impartial manner.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE PROPERTY VALUATION ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE MON., TUES., THURS. & FRI. 8:00 A.M. TO 4 P.M. AND ON WED. AND SAT. 8:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M. AT (606) 735-2228.

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on January 10, 2018, Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU") will file an application with the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("Commission"), Frankfort, Kentucky, pursuant to KRS 278.020(1), 807 KAR 5:001 Sections 14 and 15, and 807 KAR 5:011 Section 6(2)(b) seeking an Order granting KU Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") for the full deployment of Advanced Metering Systems ("AMS") across its Kentucky service territory and approving its proposed AMS Opt-Out Special Charges. In its application, KU will notify the Commission that the changes to the Special Charges Standard Rate tariff sheets are proposed to become effective on and after February 9, 2018; however, because KU anticipates the Commission will suspend the proposed changes in the Special Charges tariffs to conduct an investigation of the proposed changes, KU will ask the Commission to approve the proposed changes to be effective on June 1, 2018.

KU will propose a cost-based opt-out charge structure for customers who desire to opt out of AMS. The proposed charges will be new and optional; customers who do not desire to opt out of AMS will not have to pay the charges. The proposed opt-out charge structure will consist of a \$72.71 opt-out set-up fee and a \$32.45 recurring monthly fee.

Complete copies of the proposed tariffs containing text changes and proposed rates may be obtained by contacting Kentucky Utilities Company at 220 West Main Street, Louisville, Kentucky, 1-800-981-0600, or visiting Kentucky Utilities Company's website at www.lge-ku.com.

Notice is further given that a person may examine this application at the offices of Kentucky Utilities Company, 100 Quality Street, Lexington, Kentucky, and may also be examined at Kentucky Utilities Company's website at www.lge-ku.com. A person may also examine this application at the Public Service Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the Commission's website at <http://psc.ky.gov>.

Comments regarding the application may be submitted to the Public Service Commission, by mail to Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, or by sending an email to the Commission's Public Information Officer at psc.info@ky.gov.

The rates contained in this notice are the rates to be proposed by Kentucky Utilities Company, but the Public Service Commission may order rates to be charged that differ from the proposed rates contained in this notice. A person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of initial publication or mailing of the notice, the Commission may take final action on the application.

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Absolutely no trespassing, hunting, or ATV's on the 86 acres King's Haven Farm, 1675 Hamilton Rd. (2-18)

No trespassing or hunting on the property owned by the Bradbury's on Hwy. 19 in the Valley Hi Subdivision, Augusta. (3-18)

Absolutely no trespassing of any kind on the farm located at 2321 Johnsville-Foster Rd. (3-18)

Absolutely no hunting or trespassing on the 24 1/2 acres located at 264 Rock Rd. Absolutely no exceptions! Violators will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Jeff Cline (4-18)

Absolutely no hunting or trespassing on the 114 acres located at 875 & 1159. Absolutely no exceptions! Violators will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Kevin Cline (4-18)

Absolutely no hunting or trespassing of any kind on the 202.5718 acres, Barnett property located at 3416 Parina Rd., Brooksville. (6-18)

Absolutely no trespassing, hunting, fishing, quad riding or trapping for any purpose on the 100 acres of Johnny & Jenny Free at 2075 Brooksville-Powersville Rd. and the 1 1/2 acres at 224 Freedom Lane. Violators will be prosecuted. (6-18)

Absolutely no trespassing of any kind on the 100 acres of Arlene Jones located on Case Ridge. (7-18)

No hunting or trespassing without written permission on the William & Theresa Shook property located on Sparks Road. (7-18)

Absolutely no hunting, quad running, or trespassing of any kind on the 46 acres located at 432 Johnsville-Foster Rd., Foster. (7-18)

No trespassing, hunting, fishing or use of quad runners on the former John Bay farm located on the Johnsville-Foster Road, Eden Ridge, Willow Creek & AA Hwy. Permission only. (7-18)

Posted: no trespassing, no hunting, no fishing, no trapping on the 59 acres owned by Scott Jones at 904 Oakland Rd. (8-18)

No trespassing, dumping or hunting on the Mary Lathem Est., west Turtle Creek Road. (8-18)

No hunting or trespassing of any kind on the 23 acres owned by A.J. McQueen, located

at 1383 Union Chapel Rd. All violators will be prosecuted. (9-18)

No hunting, trespassing, or 4-wheeler riding without written permission from Bill Ruf who has leased 110 acres at 1827 Western Hills Road owned by Janice & Lanny Shepherd. (9-18)

No hunting or trespassing of any kind, day or night on the farm at 2869 Moore Rd., without written permission. (9-18)

No hunting, 4-wheeling, or trespassing on McKenney land on No. 19 between Petra and Milford and on Moore Road. (10-18)

Absolutely no hunting or trespassing of any kind on the 30 acres of Billy & Judy Cooper on Perkins Ridge. Violators will be prosecuted to the fullest extent. (10-18)

Absolutely no trespassing of any kind. No hunting, no fishing, no trapping or ATV/UTV/Dirt Bike riding on the 42 acre property of Al & Leigh Sassler, 4980 AA Hwy., Foster. Violators will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. (10-18)

No hunting or trespassing on the Fleeman farm in Foster on both sides of Gibson Ln. off 1951 & Willow Creek. (10-18)

Absolutely no hunting or trespassing of any kind on the 166 acres on Goose Ridge, Powersville. (10-18)

No hunting or trespassing of any kind on the property of Edwin McGee at 2226 Willow-Lenoxburg Rd. Violators will be prosecuted. (11-18)

No hunting or trespassing for any reason on the property of Linda Rice, 244 Cigar Lane, Augusta, or the property of Willard D. Rice, 290 Cigar Lane, Augusta. (11-18)

Absolutely no trespassing in any manner on property owned by Monte Meyer and/or Sandra Jett in the vicinity of Rt. 8 & Locust Creek Rd. This includes, but not limited to, hunting, fishing, machinery, quads, dogs and posting of political signs or any advertisements. Violators will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. (11-18)

Absolutely no hunting, 4-wheeling or trespassing including dogs on 60 acres owned by Tom & Emma Brumback at 549 Stump Road. (11-18)

No trespassing, hunting, quad running or fishing on the 86 acre property known as Potato Hill Farm, 67 Lockmier Lane. Violators will be prosecuted. (11-18)

Absolutely no trespassing of any kind is permitted on land owned by Charles & Bernadette Tarvin. Unauthorized violators will be prosecuted. (11-18)

Absolutely no trespassing of any kind on the properties located at 1139 Garrison Rd., 1041 Garrison Rd., 1117 Garrison Rd., and Lots 6, 7 & 8 Garrison Rd. (12-21)

Basketball

Panthers fall to Saints

The Augusta Panthers got their first test against a district opponent when they went on the road to face the St. Patrick Saints on Hoops for Hope night in Maysville, Monday, December 18. The Panthers got off to a quick start with a 7-0 lead but the Saints would respond but still trail 15-8 after 1 quarter. It's no secret that the Saints shoot the ball well at home and they did just that in the 2nd quarter dropping 23 points on the Panthers and taking a 31-28 lead into the half.

The Saints would maintain their lead in the 3rd quarter but the Panthers would keep it close trailing 49-44 as the teams headed into the 4th quarter. As frustrating as the middle quarters were for Augusta it would have been easy for the Panthers to just let the 4th go by and take the loss but that wasn't the case. The game would be tied at 53 all with about 3 minutes to go and it looked like Augusta just might finish the game like they started but they just couldn't make good on the opportunities they had to take the lead. The Saints would outscore the Panthers 11-1 the rest of the way and score their first victory over Augusta since February of 2011. The loss dropped the Panthers to 4-5 on the season.

"Not a lot to say about this one," said a disappointed Coach Kirk, "We came out strong, we had momentum, but then lost it and struggled to get it back. We need to compete night after night for 32 minutes. We can't afford to take any possessions off."

Scoring vs. St. Patrick: Philpot 24, Eichenberger 8, Ripato 6, T. Mains 6, Appelman 6, Cordle 3.

Panthers fall to 4-6 on season

On Saturday (Dec. 22) the Panthers participated in the Kentucky Bank Challenge hosted by Rowan County. Their opponent would be Rockcastle County. The 1st quarter would be a tight, low scoring one but at least the Panthers found themselves ahead 12-8. The Rockets would take advantage of some costly Panther turnovers and make up their deficit and take the lead into intermission, 30-26.

The 3rd quarter would be controlled by the Rockets as they outscored the Panthers 22-7 to blow the game wide open. The 4th quarter was much of the same as Augusta could not dig out of the hole they had fallen into. Rockcastle County would roll to the win, 70-56. The Panthers' second straight loss dropped them to 4-6.

"We have a lot of things to figure out, on both ends of the floor," said Coach Kirk, "It's a lot of little things that we can correct that can make us a better ball team. And we need to make those corrections right now."

Scoring vs. Rockcastle County: Ripato 14, Cordle 10, Philpot 10, T. Mains 10, Appelman 6, Eichenberger 4, Reed 2.

Panthers beat Cardinals 43-34

For the second straight year Augusta would play in the Ripley (OH) Holiday Classic. And once again they would face the Felicity-Franklin Cardinals. The Panthers won the game last year, 48-41. The 1st quarter would be a tight one as the teams battled back and forth ending up tied at 9 apiece. The 2nd quarter would be a bad one for the Panthers. They would only score 6 points in the period but to make matters worse, they turned the ball over 7 times helping the Cardinals to pull out to a 22-15 halftime lead.

The Panthers spent almost every second in the locker room trying to figure things out and whatever message was sent appeared to be received as they responded on both ends of the floor scoring 15 points and limiting the Cardinals to only 5 points. Augusta would go into the 4th quarter holding a 30-27 lead. The momentum from the 3rd would carry over as the Panthers kept rolling and snapped their two game losing streak by winning 43-34. The Panthers are now 5-6. Stephen Cordle was named the player of the game.

"Compared to the first half the second half is more of what we want to do but there are still so many things we need to correct," said Coach Kirk, "With the All A coming up we need to keep progressing."

Scoring vs. Felicity: Ripato 13, Philpot 10, Cordle 7, Eichenberger 7, White 4, T. Mains 2.

Panthers finish 2017 6-6 on season

The Augusta Panthers would finish up 2017 with one more game in Ripley with a contest against the New Richmond Lions. The Panthers came out struggling in this one just as they had the previous day while New Richmond was rolling from the start shooting well and commanding the game leading 19-10 after just one quarter. That lead would grow in the 2nd quarter to as many as 19 as it seemed whoever attempted a shot for the Lions was able to hit it. The Panthers would again trail at the half, 36-20.

Augusta had a lot of ground to make up in the 3rd quarter and they got to work on that right from the start and they dominated the quarter outscoring the Lions, 19-12 to make it 48-39. The 4th quarter would arguably be the most exciting quarter of the Panthers' season. Augusta had not led at any point in the game as they tried to get back in this one. Pressure defense applied by the Panthers led to opportunities on the offensive end that brought the team back. They had multiple chances to take the lead but just couldn't get over the hump with field goals or free throws. But they were able to tie it up on a Thomas Mains layup that made it 54 all. That then left New Richmond with 10 seconds to try to win the game. The Lions used up 6 seconds, most of that bringing the ball up the floor only to see it go through the legs of a player on the sideline that gave the ball back to Augusta. Following the Panthers' final time out they set up a play to try to

Still together after all these years!



Ronnie and Diana Cummins hosted the annual New Year's Eve Euchre Party at their home in Ft. Thomas, KY. Attending were: Brenda & Freddie Hester of Mt. Olivet; Bill and Perry Hester of Independence; Betty and Otho Jefferson of Brooksville; Bobby and Vernetta Hamilton of Erlanger; Diana and Ronnie Cummins; Leon and Linda King of Burlington. This was a fun night in spite of the cold weather.

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win the game. Sam Appelman would inbound the ball to Austin Eichenberger who drove down the floor and into the paint where he bounced a pass to Stephen Cordle who banked in a shot just before the buzzer to give the Panthers a 56-54 win. The Panthers' second straight win evened their record at 6-6. Austin Eichenberger was given the player of the game award.

"Saw some good things today but that was only in the second half," said Coach Kirk, "We have to come out with intensity at the beginning of the game on both ends of the floor. Playing from behind is not the ideal situation."

Scoring vs. New Richmond: Philpot 17, Ripato 11, T. Mains 8, Cordle 6, Appelman 5, Eichenberger 5, White 4.

Frankfort: House Week in Review

State Rep. John Sims, Jr.



The deadline to pre-file bills for the 2018 regular legislative session beginning on Tuesday, Jan. 2 has now passed. You can go online to www.lrc.ky.gov/record/18RS/prefiled/prefiled.htm to see what bills are already in the hopper for the 60-day event, but just remember—the biggest bill of the session is one you won't yet find on the web.

I'm talking about the \$20 billion Executive Branch state budget bill, passed by the Kentucky General Assembly every two years.

Shortly after session begins, bills for all three branches of state government will be filed in short form but it will take many weeks to finalize them. The largest of those bills will be the Executive Branch budget bill. Built on a proposal made by the governor in his budget address in mid- to late January, the bill covers state spending for every Executive Branch state agency except the Transportation Cabinet (which is covered by the separate state Road Fund). Funding for Medicaid, prosecutors, the Kentucky State Police, circuit clerks, public school funding, the state's contributions for public employee pensions—all of it comes from the Executive Branch budget bill.

We will hear from Gov. Matt Bevin and receive his agenda for the session when he gives the Governor's Budget Address to a joint session of the General Assembly on Jan. 16. After that, we will all have a better idea

of what to expect or not expect.

It's always a good idea to know the schedule for a legislative session so you know when the last day to request a bill is, when the last day to file a bill is during session, and those kinds of things. Here's a quick rundown of deadlines for the 2018 Regular Session:

• **Last day to request drafting of a bill: Feb. 16**

• **Last day to file a House bill: Feb. 26**

• **Last day to file a Senate bill: Feb. 28**

• **"Concurrence days"**

(only bills that are awaiting final passage will be called for a vote): March 27 and 28

• **General Assembly on recess to allow the Governor to consider vetoes to legislation: March 29-April 9**

• **Adjournment of the 2016 Regular Session, or "sine die": April 13**

While these dates may change, they will only be able to be modified slightly. The Kentucky Constitution requires that the General Assembly conclude 60-day regular sessions no later than April 15.

Every legislative session brings some changes in policy -- especially budget sessions and, even more to the point, difficult budget sessions such as the one we are entering now. But unity is critical to our Commonwealth's future. "United We Stand, Divided We Fall" is our motto, and it is that motto by which we shall move forward.

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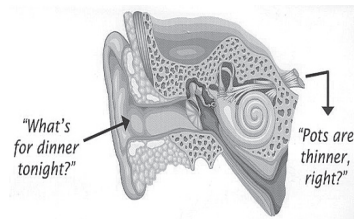
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